

Chief, Airport Staff, [redacted]

Dr. [redacted]

Chief, Contact Division, [redacted]

Obtaining Gibbon Apes as Test Animals

1. Dr. [redacted] has discussed with us on various occasions the importance of more accurate simulation of human response to the action of psychogenic drugs. In this connection he pointed out that the gibbon ape appears to simulate human reactions more closely than the rhesus monkey generally used in this country. He pointed out that Thailand has a pure strain of gibbon ape which is protected in various national preserves and if some arrangement could be made through the proper channels, very likely Thailand would be willing to cooperate with scientific groups in this country in a research program based on gibbon apes as test animals.

2. In connection with problems arising in the field we have occasion to make contact with Dr. [redacted]

[redacted] of the [redacted] Dr. [redacted] expressed considerable interest in the problem posed by Dr. [redacted]. He discussed the matter of obtaining a suitable strain of gibbon ape with Dr. [redacted] and Dr. [redacted] of the [redacted].

They felt that the problem came directly under the Institute of [redacted]. This Institute was founded July 1, 1953 and is supported by government and private funds and is concerned with the genetic characteristics, strains, etc., of experimental animals both from the standpoint of producers and users.

Dr. [redacted] is [redacted] of the Institute, telephone [redacted] Code [redacted] extension [redacted]. Dr. [redacted] recommends that Dr. [redacted] take the matter up directly with Dr. [redacted] referring to the discussions previously had by Dr. [redacted] with Dr. [redacted] and Dr. [redacted].

In this connection we learned that the same general problem of standardized test animals will come up at the International Union of Biological Sciences which is meeting in Rome in April 1955.

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

RECEIVED FOR RELEASE
1 JUN 1978

4-294